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CITY OF CHICAGO POSTS ALL EMPLOYEE SALARIES ONLINE

CHICAGO – The office of Mayor Rahm Emanuel announced today that it is publicly displaying the salaries for every employee of the City of Chicago.

“During the campaign I promised to have the most open, accountable and transparent government that the City of Chicago has ever seen,” said Mayor Emanuel. “Today’s effort is another step toward this goal, as we create an administration that is accountable to the citizens of Chicago.”

The data is available on the City of Chicago website at:

<http://data.cityofchicago.org/Government/Current-Employee-Salaries-and-Position-Titles/r3km-swf6>.

While city employee salary information is public, historically the information has been requested by organizations that seek to publish it. This is the first time that the city has proactively put the salary information online.

“An appointment in city government is about serving the taxpayers,” Emanuel said. “In all of our actions, we will work to insure that the interests of the people of Chicago are our first and only priority.”

In addition to the salary information, the 2011 City of Chicago budget is also available online in a searchable format: <http://data.cityofchicago.org/Government/Budget-2011-Appropriation-Ordinance/drv3-jzqp>.

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